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Majority prices in the major terminal markets were slightly lower in the West, but generally unchanged in the East and Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was usually no better than steady under a seasonal holiday demand. Offerings and supplies were in slightly better position, but still fully adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules for the week were irregular, but slightly reduced for the week. In the parts structure, trading was fair, although wings were in good balance to well cleared. The remaining of items were usually adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 19-DEC-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	60.46	13
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.09	37 :	56.51	72
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	53.20	26
Denver	77.50	77.29	14 :	77.80	15
Detroit	54.00-56.00	56.00	9 :	60.79	44
Los Angeles	78.00	76.05	57 :	72.11	103
New York	55.00-58.00	56.46	24 :	58.94	48
Philadelphia	54.50-56.00	55.18	11 :	55.20	22
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.58	12 :	62.34	58
St. Louis	54.75	54.09	18 :	56.62	34 San
Francisco	78.50	77.33	30 :	79.26	57
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	12/19/05	Change/Last Wk	12/12/05	12/20/04	
492	63.76	-.66	64.42	68.26	

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	58.00-60.00	59.80	30
Central	43.00-62.00	57.60	71
Western	53.00-63.00	62.32	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	68.00-71.50	70.20	88

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 71.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,078	52.00-73.00	69.92
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
LINE RUN TENDERS	WTD AVG	VOLUME
BREASTS - B/S	138.00	1,410
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.50	5,801
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.00	1,455
LEG QUARTERS	92.00	1,027
WINGS	31.00	8,412
	78.50	2,953

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest was seasonally light to mostly fair entering the week. Offerings were fully sufficient for current trade needs with heavier sizes in the longest position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared; balance of items ranged adequate to available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair, although some increased interest was developing as a few plants were planning on reduced processing schedules for the week. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient, but in a better balance than late last week. In the parts structure, movement was slightly better on breast items and improve on wings. Other parts were irregular, but usually adequate for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last Monday's levels; throughout the region. Trading reported for this weeks' deliveries at mainly lower prices. Offerings in fair balance on small sized whole body product and ample on heavy weights. Buying activity was lighter. Demand was moderate to good, best to cover restaurants and fast food needs. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 57.35 down 2.07, with the volume reported at 26 loads unchanged from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade sentiment on broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offerings in a full range. Retail demand was slowing, light to moderate at best. Food service movement was irregular, slow to fairly good, best into catering and fast food. Floor stocks were in close balance with hand to mouth purchases; weights desirable. Parts supplies were fully sufficient for trade needs; wings somewhat tight. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings, steady on breast cuts and dark meat with bone-in dark meat cuts barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonal light to fair. Offerings were fully adequate with heavy sizes more available than lighter weights. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample. Although, wings continued to clear best at most points.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	47-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light to fair entering the week as dealers worked hand-to-mouth approaching the holiday. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available. Wings were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was at least steady for wings; no better than steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME LBS
BREAST - B/S		100-105	100.95	619,840
TENDERLOINS		95-100	97.18	98,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS		53-54	68.42	32,800
BREAST - LINE RUN		53	54.70	103,360
LEGS		39-40	38.22	177,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		22-23	23.52	332,160
DRUMSTICKS		29-30	33.01	81,600
THIGHS		32-33	38.19	31,720
B/S THIGHS		95-96	83.85	240,700
WINGS (WHOLE)		77-78	80.26	257,660
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.21	18,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	54.64	7,267
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	73.34	10,120

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,013	81.00-210.00	-	102.51
TENDERLOINS	298	75.00-230.00	-	94.33
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,510	17.00-27.00	19-21	20.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,569	18.00-28.00	19-22	21.70
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,523	17.00-35.00	21-22	21.77

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 12/15	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 12/12
	12/19	12/15	12/15	12/12	12/08
Alabama	4,057	3,829	5.37	3,717	5.33
Arkansas	5,445	5,323	5.16	5,164	5.16
Delmarva	2,254	2,323	5.75	2,326	5.80
KY-LA-TN	2,175	2,197	4.94	2,313	5.06
Mississippi	2,791	3,014	5.62	2,725	5.62
North Carolina	2,140	2,111	6.96	2,391	6.62
Texas	2,463	2,438	5.16	2,231	5.12
Total	21,325	21,235	5.48	20,867	5.48
Mon	21,325 (A)			20,867(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Dec 2005 is estimated to be 31,905,000 up 1.89 percent from a week ago, and down 2.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 31,313,000 last year 32,725,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	605	85.00-142.00	-	95.82
TENDERLOINS	203	70.00-140.00	-	87.98
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	240	27.00-51.00	-	28.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	665	17.00-25.00	20-21	20.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	980	22.00-34.00	23-24	23.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	335	72.00-80.00	-	76.13
WINGS (CUT)	260	90.00-95.00	-	94.73
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 19, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.00 - 37.00	33.49	33.83

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 19-DEC-2005 TO 23-DEC-2005, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	82.00 - 113.00	88.00 - 103.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	53.00 - 79.00	57.00 - 60.00
LEGS	29.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 32.00	24.00 - 26.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	25.00 - 34.00	26.00 - 29.00
DRUMSTICKS	21.00 - 39.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 -	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	65.00 - 91.00	74.00 - 80.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 70.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	83.5-100.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	87-103

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 114
	ICE PACK 95-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 118
	ICE PACK 100-112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 109
	ICE PACK 90-105
DUCKS	185-188

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 16, 2005				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.50-18.00	480,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-21.00	14.00-18.00	2,876,000	1,716,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.75	16.00		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 16, 2005				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-19.00	11.00-19.00	1,655,600	1,086,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.37	14.33		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair at best for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product were seasonally fair to moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25	12-13	12.61
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fairly good. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.16

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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